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1. AS GOG'S INVITED GFST TO NOVEMBER 22 ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION, CAPT. MICHAEL BOHAN, NAVY MEDICAL CENTER, WAS EXCELLENT UNOFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE AND MADE FINE IMPRESSION ON GUINEAN OFFICIALS. HIS PRESENCE ALLOWED EMBASSY INCREASED IF TEMPORARY ACCESS AND DEGREE OF AMICABILITY WITH GOG.

2. ALTHOUGH NOT GOVERNMENT DELEGATE, BOHAN WAS INCLUDED IN MUCH OF THE OFFICIAL GOG PROGRAM FOR VIP PARTICIPANTS, INCLUDING LUNCHBTN WITH PRESIDENT TOURE, PRESENCE AT VIP CULTURAL PERFORMANCES, AND AN EXCURSION TO SIFRA. MINISTER OF SOCIAL DOMAIN SAIFOULAYE DIALLO, HIS FORMER PATIENT WHO HAD INITIATED INVITATION, ARRANGED MEETING WITH MINISTER OF HEAVLH, TOUR OF CONAKRY'S TWO MAIN HOSPITALS, AND LUNCHEON AT DIALLO'S VILLA WHERE GUEST LIST INCLUDED AMBASSADOR, AND THE NUMEROUS AND FRIENDLY MEMBERS OF DIALLO'S FAMILY. (THIS WAS FIRST INVITATION TO A MEAL IN A MINISTER'S HOME IN EMBASSY MEMORY.)

3. GUINEANS WERE DEMONSTRATIVELY GRATEFUL FOR BOHAN'S ROLE IN SUCCESSFUL MEDICAL CARE AFFORDED DIALLO. PRESIDENT TOURE
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TOOK AMBASSADOR ASIDE DURING NOV 22 DIPCORPS MONUMENT CEREMONY

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TO STRESS THIS. BOHAN'S VISIT GRAPHICALLY ILLUSTRATES HOW MUCH GOOD WILL THIS KIND OF U.S. MEDICAL INVOLVEMENT WITH A LOCAL LEADER CAN GENERATE, IRRESPECTIVE OF U.S.-GOG POLITICAL DIVERGENCES.

4. DR. BOHAN, AT REQUEST OF GOG MEDICAL OFFICIALS, AGREED TO LOOK INTO POSSIBILITY OF MAKING U.S. MEDIAL TEXTS AND JOURNALS AVAILABLE TO CONKAKRY HOSPITALS AND MEDICAL SCHOOLS THROUGH PUBLICATIONS EXCHANGE OR DONATIONS.

5. EMBASSY COMMENDS DR. BOHAN FOR WARMTH AND RAPPORT HE WAS ABLE TO CREATE AS REPRESENTATIVE OF US NAVY. AMBASSADOR HOPES DEPARTMENT WILL EXPRESS HIS PERSONAL APPRECIATION TO NAVY DEPARTMENT FOR THIS WORTHWHILE AND EFFECTIVE VISIT.
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